

Please add claims 70-71 as follows:

70. A foldable member comprising:

at least a first tube made of layers of material;

at least one predetermined hinge area along the length of the first tube; and

a plurality of opposing separated multi-ply longitudinal strips between slots at the hinge area which fold when subjected to localized buckling forces.

D2 PEP / 71. A collapsible structure comprising:

a plurality of joined members;

a selected number of said members each including:

a tube made of layers of material;

at least one predetermined hinge area along the length of the tube; and

a plurality of opposing separated multi-ply longitudinal strips between slots at the hinge area.

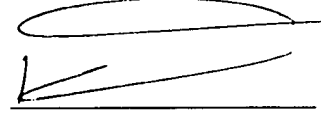
REMARKS

The applicant submits herewith a Preliminary Amendment to claims 64-69 of the subject application. The amendments to the claims do not constitute new matter and should therefore be entered. Additionally, applicant adds herewith claims 70 and 71 which do not constitute new matter and should therefore be entered.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Preliminary Amendment is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associate, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

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